[Mr. K. Padmanabha Panikkar.]

(*b*) the number of these encroachments that were on existing water-ways and canals used for traffic and irrigation purposes;

(*c*) the number of these cases that were ordered to be restored; and

(*d*) the number ordered to be registered?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 343 cases in 1102 and 104 cases in 1103.

(*b*) 241.

(*c*) 151.

(*d*) 65.

Qualifications for obtaining free supply of Government publications.

101. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): If the Government have prescribed any qualifications for a newspaper in order to deserve a free supply of Government publications, will they be pleased to state what they are?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A copy of the G. O.* containing the information is laid on the table.

Policy adopted in the free supply of Government publications to newspapers.

102. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the principle followed in the matter of providing the newspapers with their publications free of cost?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 101.

Free supply of Government publications to Travancore Newspapers.

103. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether all the newspapers in Travancore are being supplied free with Government publications; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons for the differential treatment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The rules regulating the free supply of Government publications to newspapers are contained in G. O. R. Dis. No. 279 of 23/Legis., dated the 2nd August 1923, copy of which has already been laid on the table.

Water scarcity in Shencotta Town.

104. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it has ever been brought to their notice that the people of Shencotta town and suburbs are put to great difficulty on account of scarcity of water;

(*b*) if so, the steps that have been taken to remedy the drawbacks?

* *Vide* Appendix I—page 227.

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***Vide* Answer to Question No. 101.**

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHA RAJA OF TRAVANCORE.

Read :—

(1) Letter R. O. C. No. 255 A of 22/Legislative, dated the 20th June, 1923, to the Secretary to the Government Press Committee.

(2) Letter R. O. C. No. 6309 of 23, dated the 4th July, 1923, from the Secretary to the Government Press Committee.

In letter R. O. C. No. 255 A of 22, dated the 20th June, 1923, read above, the Secretary to the Government Press Committee was requested to forward to Government the views of that Committee in regard to the free supply of Government publications, such as the Gazette and the Legislative Council Proceedings, to the editors of newspapers. The resolutions passed by the Committee on the subject have now been received and they are as follow:

(1) that the Government Gazette be given in exchange, on application, to the newspapers published outside Travancore;

(2) that the Government Gazette need not be supplied free to monthlies and purely literary and religious journals published in Travancore;

(3) that the Government Gazette be given free of cost to weeklies of three years' uninterrupted standing and to papers of two years' uninterrupted standing when they are published twice a week or at shorter intervals, if these papers have a minimum circulation of 500 or above; and

(4) that copies of the Proceedings of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly with the Dewan's address, Proceedings of the Legislative Council, the final edition of the Budget, the Administration Report, the Civil List, the Almanac and such other publications as are now supplied to the Press may be sent gratis to the papers specified in paragraph (3) above.

ORDER THEREON, R. DIS. No. 279 OF 23/LEG., DATED TRIVANDRUM, 2/5TH AUGUST, 1923.

His Highness' Government have been for some time past considering the question of laying down definite rules in regard to the supply of Government publications free of cost to the editors of newspapers. Government have given their careful consideration to the resolutions of the Press Committee detailed above. Government are pleased to accept the Committee's resolutions in this matter and direct that they be brought into effect from the 1st Chingam 1099.

2. This order will not affect the newspapers which are already on the free list.

(By order)

R. KRISHNA PILLAI,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Gazette.
The Secretary, Government Press Committee.
The Press Room.

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